

# Public Notice

**On behalf of Governor McDonnell, the Secretary of Health and Human Resources announces a [Schedule of Regional Public Hearings on the Development of a Plan to Transition Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities from State Training Centers to Community-based Settings](#).**

Section § 37.2-319 of the Code of Virginia requires the Governor to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to develop a plan to transition individuals with intellectual disabilities from state training centers to community-based settings. The plan shall include provisions to reduce the number of individuals who are currently residing in state training centers and include provisions to:

- (i) offer a broad array of community-based services including but not limited to Intellectual Disability Home and Community Based Waivers, and
- (ii) address the availability of appropriate community housing.

The plan shall also include:

- (i) facility specific objectives,
- (ii) timeframes to implement changes, and
- (iii) shall be developed with input from:
  - a. individuals receiving training center services and their families,
  - b. community services boards,
  - c. private providers, and
  - d. the Department of Medical Assistance Services.

The Secretary shall submit the plan to the Governor and Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance by November 1, 2011.

Regional public hearings have been scheduled to receive input from citizens on what should be included in the plan. Those persons wishing to speak may register at each hearing site no earlier than one hour prior to the start of the hearing. Speakers will be taken in the order of registration. Each person may register only one speaker at a time. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to three minutes or less. Speakers representing groups and organizations should consolidate remarks to reduce duplication.

Shown below is the schedule of hearings. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Heidi Dix, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Assistant Commissioner for Developmental Services at

(804) 371-0064. Persons wishing to speak should sign up with the staff on-site on the day of the hearing, beginning one hour before the beginning of the hearing.

Persons unable to attend may comment in writing by August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 either electronically or in hard copy to:

- **Electronically:** [heidi.dix@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:heidi.dix@dbhds.virginia.gov)
- **Hard Copy:** Heidi Dix, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, 1220 Bank Street, Richmond, VA 23218-1727.

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Date and Start Time	Location	Room (capacity)
<b>Monday, August 1</b>  <b>Region 5</b> <b>10 a.m.</b>	Main Library Hampton Public Library 4207 Victoria Blvd. Hampton, VA 23669	Room A (80)
<b>Tuesday, August 2</b>  <b>Region 4</b> <b>9 – 11 a.m.</b>  <b>Region 2</b> <b>2 p.m.</b>	McKenney Branch Petersburg Public Library 137 South Sycamore Street Petersburg, VA 23803  George Mason Regional Library 7001 Little River Turnpike Annandale, VA 22003-5975	Meeting Room (50)  Meeting Room (75)
<b>Wednesday, August 3</b>  <b>Region 3</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Marion Branch Smyth-Bland Regional Library 118 S Sheffey Street Marion, VA, 24354	Copenhaver Room (75)
<b>Thursday, August 4</b>  <b>Region 1</b> <b>10 a.m.</b>	Lynchburg Public Library The Main Library 2315 Memorial Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	Meeting Room (110)

*Accommodations for individuals with hearing impairment may be made by calling (804) 371-0064. All requests for individuals with hearing impairment must be received by 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.*

All information listed above is available at this link:  
<http://www.dbhds.virginia.gov/ODS-default.htm>